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2. Soviet Rolling Stock Requirements
in the Halle Area

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report
which gives information on the following: (1) New four-axled Soviet heavy-duty trailers at the Angersdorf railroad station. A description is given. (2) Arrivals of three-axled Soviet heavy-duty trailers at Angersdorf. A description is given. (3) Rolling stock requirements for the return of troops from summer camps, and local exercises in the Halle area. (4) Soviet railway exercise in East Germany. A sketch of the three-axled Soviet heavy-duty trailer is also included.

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1. ARRIVALS OF NEW SOVIET VEHICLES AT ANGERSDORF RAILWAY STATION
2. TROOP MOVEMENTS
3. SOVIET MILITARY TRAFFIC PLANS FOR MID-SEPTEMBER - EARLY NOVEMBER 1957 IN THE HALLE AREA
4. SOVIET RAILWAY EXERCISE IN DDR IN AUGUST 1957

(Aug 57)

1. ARRIVALS OF NEW SOVIET VEHICLES AT ANGERSDORF RAILWAY STATIONArrivals of 4-axled heavy load road transporters

- (a) On 30 Jul, 2 Aug and 10 Aug there were off-loadings of new 4-axled heavy load road transporters, the total number being 27, all of which were towed away by Soviet troops to the HEIDE KASERNE (BS 8201)

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These transporters were of the type [REDACTED]

The following details were also noted:

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- (i) There appeared to be two channels, each of about 70cm. width, running longitudinally near the sides of the transporters.
- (ii) There were also two movable steel channel sections of about 70cm. width on each transporter, which could be fixed in the rear of the transporter for loading or off-loading AFVs.
- (iii) There are towing hooks at each end of the transporters.
- (iv) The tarpaulins covering the transporters on arrival at ANGERSDORF were marked LENINGRAD (in Cyrillic script).
- (b) On 19 Aug, 9 x 3-axled Soviet heavy load road transporters were off-loaded at ANGERSDORF and were towed away by Soviet troops to the HEIDEKASERNE (BS 8201). A sketch (not to scale) will be found at Appendix "A".

Details noted were as follows:

- (i) Length approximately the same as the 4-axled transporter [REDACTED]
- (ii) Width about 30cm less - viz: about 10cm less than the width of a railway flat.
- (iii) One axle in front, with two large wheels.
- (iv) Two axles in rear, each with six smaller wheels.
- (v) A circular fixed platform amidships surmounted by a square pedestal ca 60cm x 60cm, equipped with screw bolts.

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2. SOVIET TROOP MOVEMENTS19 Aug 57

The following Soviet transport was loaded at ANGERSDORF on the night of 19/20 Aug and left for the MAGDEBURG area:

- (i) 10 x JSU 122
- (iii) 1 x W/T Truck
- (iv) 200 Infantry troops.

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These troops arrived by road from the JUTERBOG-WITTENBERG area, and had been taking part in exercises said to involve units stationed in both HALLE and MAGDEBERG areas.

3. SOVIET MILITARY RAIL MOVEMENTS PLANNED FOR HALLE AREA15 Aug 57

A conference was held in RBD HALLE to fix details of Soviet transport requirements for the return of troops from summer camps, and for local exercises in the HALLE area.

The Soviet demand was at first for:

- (i) 190 x flats
- (iv) 10 x Passenger coaches.

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The President of RBD HALLE stated that such a demand would endanger the present plan for distribution and storage of the harvest. After a vigorous discussion an amended figure was agreed, so long as rolling stock could be run on a shuttle basis, for the period 25 Sep - 2 Nov 1957.

The amended figures were as follows:

- (i) 54 x flats
- (iv) 5 x Passenger coaches

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Tracked vehicles and heavy artillery will travel by rail, while A/T weapons and all troops except rail escorts will travel by road. Advance parties from the camps will start moving back to barracks from 15 Sep 57.

4. SOVIET MILITARY RAIL EXERCISE from 1 - 3 AUGUST 1957

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It was actively carried out almost completely by Soviet personnel, German participation being mainly unconscious, with the exception of RBD Presidents, and heads of Oberlok- and Oberzugleitungen.

The ordinary German railwayman merely noted from 1 - 3 Aug 57 an unusual succession of visits of Soviet railway officials by day and

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by night to rail traffic and rail signal main control [REDACTED]
(Hauptblockstellen und Hauptsignalleitstellen).

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The objects of the exercise appeared to be as follows:

- (a) To discuss how quickly Soviet rail personnel could take over key operational and control [REDACTED] of rail traffic in the DDR.
- (b) To test out the rapid establishing of the rolling-stock availability position, and the time required to move available rolling stock to the necessary military loading points in the event of emergency.
- (c) To check the current weakness of the Reichsbahn for military movements.

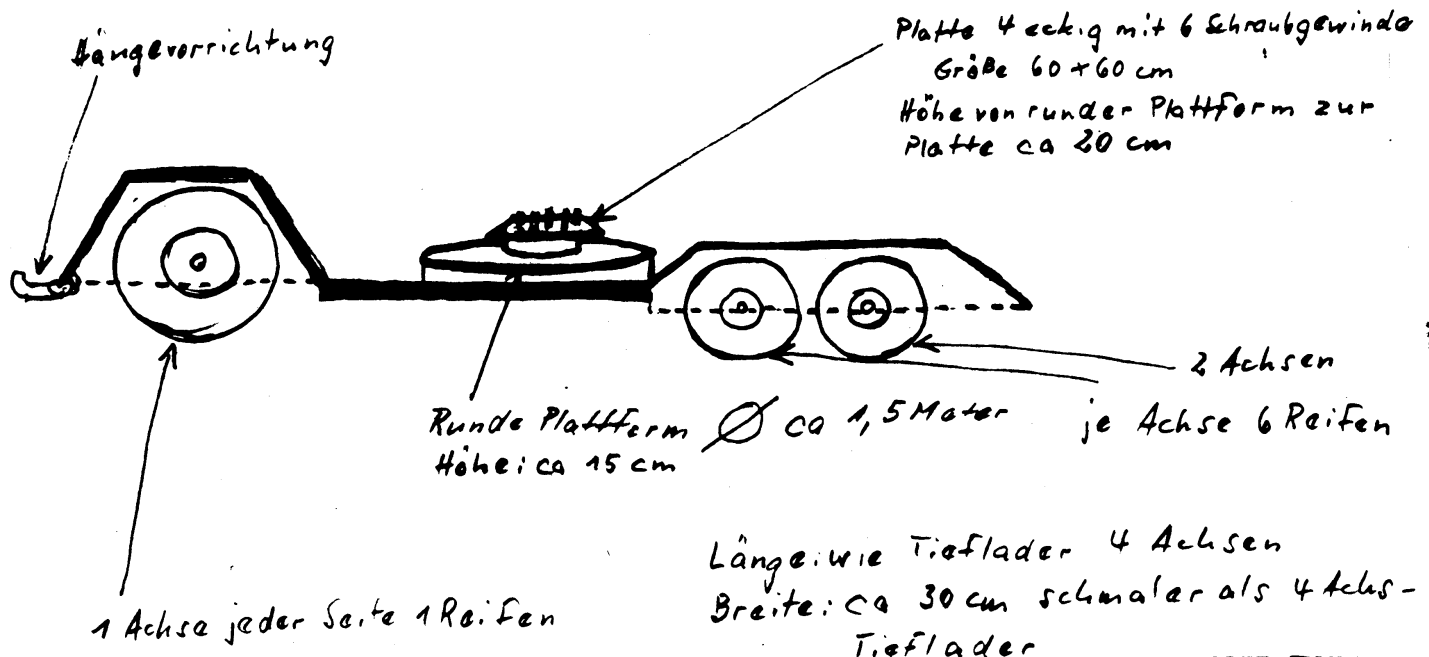
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